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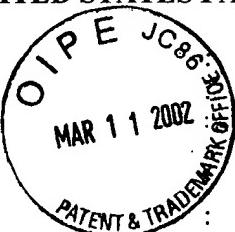
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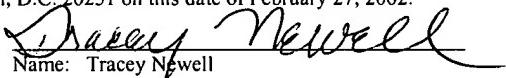
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2002, in which election of species was required, Applicants elect the first Species corresponding to FIGS 1-18b. Applicants respectfully submit that at least claims 1-4 and 13-22 read on the elected species.

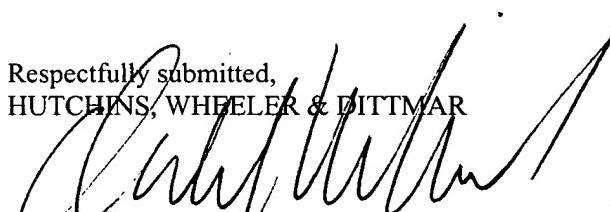
Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-951-6676.

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